

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Chet Edwards announced he has secured federal funding to help the City of Joshua build a new city park for the community. The funding was included by Edwards in the final 2010 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 221 to 202 and is expected to pass the Senate and be signed into law this month.

Congressman Chet Edwards said, *"I am thrilled to Joshua's vision for a new community park that will be a family friendly place for the citizens of Joshua to gather together for years to come."*

Currently, the city of Joshua does not have a local park. Specifically, Edwards secured \$1 million will help the city acquire the necessary land to create a hike and bike trail, playground, fishing pier, pond, pavilion, nature area, baseball fields, basketball courts, restrooms, concession, benches and picnic tables.

Joshua Mayor Merle Breitenstein said, *"The City of Joshua is excited about building the first park for our citizens. The funding that Congressman Edwards has secured towards this effort will allow the City to build the entire 20 acre park at one time versus having to build the project in phases. This park has been community driven from the beginning, and the entire community is ready to see it become a reality. Thanks to Congressman Edwards, that will happen sooner."*

In October Congressman Chet Edwards also secured \$1 million under the final 2010 Interior Appropriations bill to help the city of Joshua upgrade and improve the local drainage system.

Edwards is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.